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SUBJECT: UNCTAD AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES,  
JULY 11-15

1. UNCTAD DOCUMENT TD/B/ITC/AC/10 PREPARED FOR AD HOC  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES MEETING CONTAINS  
SECRETARIAT'S ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS TO DATE IN ACHIEVING  
OBJECTIVES OF CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 93 (IV). DOCUMENT MAKES  
A NUMBER OF POINTS WHICH G-77 IF SO INCLINED CAN USE TO  
CRITICIZE GROUP B DURING NEXT WEEK'S AIOC MEETING. REPORT  
IDENTIFIES THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WHICH IT SUGGESTS COMMITTEE  
MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER: (A) SLOW PACE OF PREPARATORY PROCESS  
AND UNDERLYING REASONS, (B) INCREASINGLY CONGESTED SCHEDULE  
OF MEETINGS, AND (C) RISING VOLUME AND DELAY IN DISTRIBUTION  
OF DOCUMENTATION.

2. SECRETARIAT CONSIDERS THAT PREPARATORY WORK, EXCEPT IN  
CASE OF RUBBER, REMAINS AT ONLY PRELIMINARY STAGE AND  
CAN BE CHARACTERIZED AS CONSULTATIONS "RANGING IN UNSTRUCTURED  
MANNER OVER GALAXY OF ISSUES" REMINISCENT OF THE  
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INCONVLUSIVE 73/74 COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS. DOCUMENT  
FURTHER NOTES THAT THERE IS LITTLE IF ANY EVIDENCE OF  
POLITICAL COMMITMENT ON PART OF MANY COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE  
CONCRETE AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL ACTION. CONSUMERS  
HAVE IGNORED THE BENEFITS OF STABILIZATION OF PRICES AND  
SUPPLIES WHILE PRODUCERS NEED TO INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO AGREE  
ON CONCRETE MEASURES AND TECHNIQUES. COPPER MEETING SUNGLED

OUT SEVERAL TIMES AS ILLUSTRATING ABOVE DIFFICULTIES. DOCUMENT ALSO NOTES THAT LACK OF PROGRESS ON COMMON FUND MAY HAVE ADVERSELY AFFECTED WORK ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES.

3. DOCUMENT RECOMMENDS COMMITTEE ASSESS POSSIBILITY OF EARLY ACTION ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES AND SCHEDULE MEETINGS IN LIGHT OF THIS. AS SITUATION COULD CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY BETWEEN SESSIONS, DOCUMENT SUGGESTS COMMITTEE BE PREPARED TO MEET ON SHORT NOTICE IF EVIDENCE OF EARLY ACTION IS TO BE THE CRITERION FOR MODIFYING SCHEDULE. IN ORDER TO EASE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS DOCUMENT RECOMMENDS COMMITTEE CONSIDERS VARYING THE DURATION OF THE PREP MEETINGS AND IN PARTICULAR SCHEDULING SHORTER MEETINGS WHEN LARGELY PROCEDURAL MATTERS ARE TO BE DISCUSSED. IN ORDER TO CUT DOWN ON LENGTH OF MEETINGS AND ALLOW MORE TIME FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS DOCUMENT RECOMMENDS THAT COMMITTEE REQUEST PREP MEETINGS IN FUTURE ISSUE REPORTS IN FORM OF BRIEF COMMUNIQUEES SETTING OUT THE DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RATHER THAN TRADITIONAL TYPE OF UNCTAD REPORT. TO IMPROVE FLOW OF DOCUMENTATION SECRETARIAT RECOMMENDS REDUCING VOLUME OF DOCUMENTATION BY GOVERNMENTS KEEPING PROPOSALS FOR STUDIES TO THE MINIMUM AND SECRETARIAT MAKING ITS DOCUMENTATION AS CONCISE AS POSSIBLE.

4. WE HAVE LITTLE INDICATION G-77 OR ANY MEMBERS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GROUP B WANT TO ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW OF IPC AT MEETING. HOWEVER DELEGATION SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO RECOMMENDATIONS ON SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS, HANDLING REPORTS OF PREP MEETINGS AND DOCUMENTATION. ALTHOUGH SECRETARIAT'S PAPER OFFERS G-77 AMMUNITION WITH WHICH TO CRITICIZE GROUP B, BELIEVE THIS CRITICISM CAN BE ANSWERED BY POINTING TO THE FACTS OF THE SITUATION. SORENSON

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